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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Bowie

FROM : [REDACTED] NIO/EAP

SUBJECT : Summary of NIO/EAP Activities

1. As you requested at our staff meeting on April 13, herewith is a summary of what's underway in NIO/EAP and some thoughts on what problems in the area should be the focus of NIO thinking ahead.

2. Recent contributions to PRMs are still in some sense in process since action has not been completed on the parent papers while the subjects discussed will continue to relate to policy issues after options are determined. These include the intelligence annex to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] contribution to the East Asia Net Assessment of [REDACTED] also stands by itself as an across-the-board look at the situation in East Asia. Two Estimates just getting under way will deal with the warning time problem in North Korea and North Korean situation and prospects.

3. Looking ahead, I would take as my theme that of Part I of our contribution to [REDACTED]. "East Asia has reached a state of relative equilibrium contrasting markedly with the turmoil and conflict of the 'sixties" - and would ask myself what developments falling within the purview of intelligence analysis could have significant effects on this state of equilibrium.

[REDACTED] Responses to our developing policies with respect to ground force reductions in Korea, [REDACTED] and overall Pacific force posture should also

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be an intelligence priority for collection, reporting, and analysis. And finally, the attitudes of other Asian countries to our developing relations with China warrant close attention.

cc: Mr. Lehman



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